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TALKING POINTS

Ray Hare in Ankara and Labouisse in Athens are today making the same representations on instructions of President Johnson, who is greatly interested personally.

The Ambassadors are instructed to emphasize the great importance the U.S. attaches to restraint on parts of governments and communities, and to the avoidance of provocative actions or statements which would bring on clashes or tend further to harden opposing positions.

US considers Turkish and Greek Governments bear responsibility for influencing their respective Cypriot communities. Turkish Cypriots in recent days are reported to have taken provocative action designed to create a situation which could lead to Turkish military intervention. US reading of press and radio shows that Athens and Ankara have simply continued to blame each other rather than to exert maximum efforts to calm things down.

US notes that both governments seem to be putting their NATO responsibilities and their own ultimate national security in second place. They should be working together to preserve the fabric of NATO and prevent disaster to segments of their own peoples. US appalled at the possibility of direct Greek-Turkish military confrontation.

US believes in addition to inducing calm in both Cypriot communities, Greek and Turkish Governments must keep London talks going and acknowledge principle of some compromise. The two governments should acknowledge there must be some give in positions and let this be known in Cyprus.

President Johnson finds it difficult to accept that two US allies should lose sight of overriding nedd to maintain NATO solidarity gainst the real enemy and that the two allies of the United States might end up fighting each other with US arms at expense of real purpose for which arms and support provided.

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This Embassy instructed to make same approach to Foreign Min. Palamas.